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*Reports from Seattle, Wash.—Plague-prevention work—Inspection of vessels in connection with plague-prevention work, December, 1908.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Glover reports, January 7 and 11:

SEATTLE, WASH.

*Week ended January 9.*

Date of finding of last plague rat .....	September 26, 1908
Rats received .....	439
Rats necropsied .....	383
Plague rats .....	0
Plague infected rats to date .....	21
Vessels inspected .....	10
Vessels fumigated .....	5

During the month of December, 1908, there were 12 vessels fumigated and 71 inspected in connection with plague-prevention work in Seattle.

*Summary of plague laboratory work, month of December, 1908.*

Assistant Surgeon Chapin reports, January 4, through Passed Assistant Surgeon Glover:

*Work done in the plague laboratory for the month of December, 1908.*

During the month 4,901 rats were delivered at the laboratory, of which 4,843 were necropsied. No plague-infected rats were found. The last plague infected rat was found September 26, 1908. The flea count averaged about one flea per rat. Of 998 female rats, 318 were pregnant.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY, STATES AND CITIES  
OF THE UNITED STATES—UNTABULATED.

CALIFORNIA—*San Francisco and county.*—Month of November, 1908. Estimated population, 425,000. Total number of deaths 519, including enteric fever 14, measles 1, scarlet fever 4, whooping cough 1, diphtheria 4, and 59 from tuberculosis.

INDIANA—Month of November, 1908. Estimated population, 2,648,594. Total number of deaths, 2,668, including tuberculosis 318, enteric fever 113, diphtheria 88, scarlet fever 5, and 20 from whooping cough.

Morbidity: Diphtheria, 361 cases in 55 counties; enteric fever, 441 cases in 70 counties; smallpox, 52 cases in 10 counties.

IOWA—*Cedar Rapids.*—Month of December, 1908. Estimated population 33,000. Total number of deaths, 22, including enteric fever 1, and 1 from tuberculosis. Cases: Enteric fever 3, scarlet fever 7, and diphtheria 3.

KENTUCKY—*Newport*.—Annual report for the year 1908. Estimated population 35,000. Total deaths, 487, including smallpox 1, enteric fever 15, diphtheria 8, measles 2, whooping cough, 2, and 69 from tuberculosis. Cases: Smallpox 23, scarlet fever 12, diphtheria 18.

LOUISIANA—*New Orleans*.—Month of December, 1908. Estimated population, 351,000 (258,000 white, 93,000 colored). Total number of deaths, 597 (380 white, 217 colored), including diphtheria 3 (1 white, 2 colored), enteric fever 9 (7 white, 2 colored), scarlet fever 1 (white), and 77 from tuberculosis, of which 34 were white and 43 colored. The death rate per 1,000 population per annum for the month was: White, 17.67; colored, 20.41. Total white and colored, 20.41.

MARYLAND—*Hagerstown*.—Month of December, 1908. Estimated population 50,000. Total number of deaths 58, including enteric fever 1, diphtheria 2, and 3 from tuberculosis. Cases: Enteric fever 1, diphtheria 7, measles 4.

MASSACHUSETTS—*Newton*.—Month of December, 1908. Estimated population, 38,203. Total number of deaths, 42, including diphtheria 1, enteric fever 1, and 4 from tuberculosis. Cases of contagious diseases reported: Diphtheria 31, enteric fever 1, scarlet fever 18, and tuberculosis 12.

MINNESOTA—*St. Paul*.—Month of November, 1908. Estimated population, 220,000. Total number of deaths reported to the department of health, 158, including diphtheria 10, enteric fever 4, whooping cough 1, and 16 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 133, scarlet fever 50, measles 4, and smallpox 38.

MISSOURI—*Springfield*.—Month of December, 1908. Estimated population, 35,000. Total number of deaths, 31, including 4 from tuberculosis. Cases: Smallpox 1, scarlet fever 12, diphtheria 10.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—*Franklin*.—Month of December, 1908. Estimated population, 7,200. Total number of deaths, 4, including 1 from diphtheria. Cases: Diphtheria 2.

NORTH CAROLINA—Month of November, 1908. Estimated population, 1,893,810. Reports of state board of health from 92 counties show as follows: Measles in 8 counties, whooping cough in 21 counties, scarlet fever in 35 counties, diphtheria in 39 counties, enteric fever in 47 counties, malarial fever in 10 counties, pernicious malarial fever in 3 counties, hemorrhagic malarial fever in 6 counties, and smallpox in 5 counties, viz: Bertie, 1; Catawba, 1; Currituck, 3; Johnston 1, and Pasquotank 17.

OHIO—*Toledo*.—Month of November, 1908. Estimated population, 187,453. Total number of deaths, 173, including diphtheria 5, enteric fever 9, scarlet fever 5, and 22 from tuberculosis. Cases of contagious diseases reported: Diphtheria 37, measles 4, scarlet fever 23.